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The socialist Vienna ARBEITER-ZEITUNG of 14 January 1967 carries a 1,110 word article on the case of two Linz security police inspectors suspected of espionage for the Israeli and U. S. secret service. After quoting an interior ministry communique as confirming an earlier report by the paper that an investigation was under way, the paper complains that the two officers concerned, Leo Maier and Otto Weidinger, have still not been suspended from duty. The paper says in part: "At least Maier had

close contact with the U. S. secret service before 1955, when Austria became free.

These contacts with members of foreign agents organizations were at that time known to Maier's superiors and not quite unwelcome to them. Last but not least, through these contacts many a valuable piece of information found its way across the demarcation line from Linz and Salzburg to Vienna. At that time no one at the provincial security police headquarters suspected Maier of doing anything wrong in the course of his work as a member of the state security police.

"When with the end of the occupation era the members of the CIC left Austria together with the withdrawal of the U. S. forces, the contact between Maier and the U. S. secret service seemed interrupted. Actually, however, super James Bond Maier maintained contacts with the 2nd U. S. secret service, CIA. This fact probably explains why Maier and later on also his colleague Weidinger several times surprisingly supplied valuable information to Austrian agencies.

"Where the site for the mutual swapping of information was located has not yet been definitely established. ARBEITER-ZEITUNG has learned that Maier is said to have rented

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